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Winter 2008

Santa Around Town



It all started one evening in 1984. The Deer Park Volunteer Firefighters saw a news story about Pasadena Firefighters driving their fire trucks through the neighborhoods of Pasadena with Santa Claus on top. They asked, "Why can't we do this for our citizens?"

All of the firefighters went home

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Tues., Dec. 2 - 6pm

Join us for this year's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Municipal Courts & Theatre Building. Santa Clause will be there and we'll have hot chocolate, fireworks, music, and singing. It's holiday fun for the whole family.

and brought back strands of their own lights, put a generator on the back of a fire truck, and dressed a fireman up as Santa. Because the idea came about on such short notice, Santa had to stand on the tailboard of the fire truck. That night, they drove through all the neighborhoods in Deer Park.

The response from the citizens was so great that the firefighters decided to expand the decorations to include reindeer, lights, music and a sleigh for the top of the fire truck.

For the past 24 years, the fire department volunteers and Santa have brought holiday joy and cheer to the citizens of Deer Park. Today, two fully decorated fire trucks complete with the sounds of Christmas,

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New Website



Visit our new website at
www.deerparktx.gov

Action Center

With the recent launch of the City's new website, citizens can have access to City Hall anytime. The Action Center, a new feature on the site, provides citizens with one click access to request service from the City. Citizens can get to the Action Center by clicking on the first option under Site Tools on the City's home page.

The main menu lists standard service request items such as reporting code violations, requesting street maintenance, or reporting

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Contact Us!

In Person–

City of Deer Park
710 E. San Augustine
Deer Park, TX 77536

By Mail–

City of Deer Park
P.O. Box 700
Deer Park, TX 77536

By Phone–

281-479-2394

By Fax–

281-478-7217

Information Line–

281-479-CITY

On the Web–

www.deerparktx.gov

Reminders from the City of Deer Park...

- *Transfer Station open Saturday,
9am-4:30pm.*
- *Bag leaves, don't toss them down
the storm drain.*
- *Group tours of Public Works
facilities, call 281-478-7253.*
- *Call Public Works at 281-478-
7253 before calling the plumber.*
- *RV dumping site located at the
Wastewater Treatment Plant, call
281-478-7206*
- *New Construction or Remodeling,
call 281-478-7270*

City Officials

Elected Officials

Wayne Riddle.....	Mayor
Charles Garrison	Councilmember - Position 1
Thane Harrison.....	Councilmember - Position 2
Chris Richey	Councilmember - Position 3
Bill Patterson.....	Councilmember - Position 4
Beckie Stockstill-Cobb	Councilmember - Position 5
Jeff Pound	Councilmember - Position 6

Department Directors

Ronald V. Crabtree.....	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson	Assistant City Manager
Sandra Watkins	City Secretary
Keith Nelson	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert.....	Director, Human Resources
Nader Naderi	Director, Public Works
Doug Burgess.....	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool	Director, Library
Sam Pipkin	Director, Emergency Services
Ken Findley.....	Acting Chief of Police
Louis Gantz.....	Head Golf Professional
Linda McHone.....	IT Manager

Other Appointed Officials

Jim Fox	City Attorney
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City Facilities

Animal Shelter	281-478-7274.....	4213 Luella
Art Park Players Dinner Theatre...	281-478-7288.....	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center	281-478-7216.....	601 W. 8th Street
Battleground Golf Course	281-478-2080.....	1600 Georgia
City Hall.....	281-479-2394.....	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center ...	281-478-2060.....	4200 Kalwick
Community Center.....	281-478-2050.....	610 E. San Augustine
Fire Station #1.....	281-478-2043.....	1302 Center
Fire Station #2.....	281-478-7282.....	711 E. Pasadena Blvd
Fire Station #3.....	281-478-7281.....	2211 East "X"
Jimmy Burke Activity Center	281-478-2049.....	500 W. 13th Street
Kingsdale Center.....	281-478-7215.....	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center	281-478-7276.....	1201 Center
Municipal Court	281-478-7238.....	1302 Center
Police Station	281-479-1511.....	2911 Center
Public Library	281-478-7208.....	3009 Center
Recycling Center.....	281-478-7253.....	3009 Center
Swimming Pool.....	281-478-2055.....	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station	281-478-7252.....	610 Underwood

Library News

Youth Services

Storytime – Winter Storytime begins January 7 and continues through April. Storytime incorporates books, fingerplays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning.

Toddler Storytime is presented on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15am for children up to 3½ years old. Stories and activities during the 20-30 minute session are designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention spans and develop basic social skills. Parents/Caregivers are required to stay with the toddler and help them participate.

Preschool Storytime will begin on Thursdays at 11am for children 3 ½ to 6 years old. Children listen to stories and participate in group activities. A craft often enhances the story theme.

After School Crafts - Craft programs are offered each Tuesday afternoon December 2 - February 24 at 4pm for ages 5 - 8.

Krafty Kids

After school crafts for children 5-8 years old Tuesdays at 4pm

Dec. 2 – Snowflake Craft

Dec. 9 – Winter Games

Dec. 16 – Holiday Ornaments

Dec. 23 – Holiday Fun

Dec. 30 – New Year's Craft

Jan. 6 – Tournament Day

Jan. 13 – Dinosaur Craft

Jan. 20 – MLK: I have a Dream Craft

Jan. 27 – Souper Bowl: Soups' On

PreTeen Craft Programs

For ages 7 through 12 will be

offered at 4pm on the following Mondays:

Dec. 8 – Holiday Craft

Jan. 12 – Beading Craft

Feb. 9 – Valentine Craft

Teen Tech @ the Library

Video gaming for teens after school every Wednesday afternoon.

Adult Services

Upcoming Mystery Book Club
Dates and Reading Selections:

December 9, 2008 Holiday Mysteries at 6pm

Aunt Dimity's Christmas

by Nancy Atherton &

Kissing Christmas Goodbye

by M.C. Beaton

January 13, 2009 The Two Alexs at 6pm

Therapy

by Jonathan Kellerman &

Pop Goes the Weasel

by James Patterson

February 10, 2009 Neo Gothic Police

Procedurals at 6pm

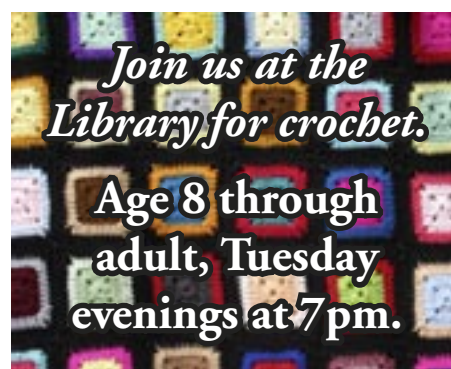
Full Dark House

by Christopher Fowler &

Frankenstein: Prodigal Son

by Dean Koontz

Feel free to come having read both, one or neither of the books.



New Books Coming Soon!



Cross Country

by James Patterson



Scarpetta

by Patricia Cornwell



The Treasure

by Iris Johansen



Divine Justice

by David Baldacci



The Private Patient

by P.D. James



Your Heart Belongs to Me

by Dean R. Koontz



Salvation in Death

by J.D. Robb



The Brass Verdict

by Michael Connelly



Extreme Measures

by Vince Flynn



A Most Wanted Man

by John Le Carre

New Online Resources from the Reference Desk

Readers' Advisory Tool

NoveList from Ebsco is an electronic readers' advisory resource that helps fiction readers of all ages find new authors and titles.

NoveList allows readers to use a favorite author or title as a template to locate other authors and titles of interest. Descriptions, reviews, and series information are often also available through this resource.

Literature Resource

Literature Criticism Online is an electronic version of our Short Story Criticism titles. With a library card, students now have access to full-text critical views on works by

authors such as Tennessee Williams, Louisa May Alcott, and William Faulkner.

E-Sources, Your key to the library after hours

Visit the Library online at catalog.library.deerparktx.org/polaris.

From the Library's homepage, click on Search and then on the following webpage, click E-Sources. With remote access, all you need is a current library card and access to the Internet. Stop by the Library for login and password information.

FREE Computer Classes

Classes are held for adults on Thursdays in the Library's meeting room. We are offering 2 NEW

classes: Basics of Files and Folders & Library Online Resources.

Classes currently offered include:

- Basic Computer Literacy
- Basics of Files and Folders
- Consumer Health Resources
- Downloadable Audiobooks
- Introduction Blogging
- Introduction to the Internet
- Library Online Resources
- Microsoft Excel Basics
- Microsoft PowerPoint Basics
- Microsoft Word Basics

Visit the Library for course descriptions and a current schedule. Each class is approximately one to two hours. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, call the Library @ 281-478-7208.

Parks & Recreation

Let's Party

Do you have a special event in your life worthy of a party? Have your party at the Deer Park Community Center and let us help you with the planning and take some of the load off of your shoulders.

Each party includes the room rental, tables/chairs, a party host, and two hours of loaded fun in our game room. Event limited to 20 guests.

Base party package \$75

Additional add-ons

Pizza \$6 per pizza

¼ sheet cake (chocolate or vanilla) \$20

Decorations (solid colors only) \$25

Goody Bags (boys/girls) \$2/bag

Lemonade/Punch (for 20 guests) \$5

USA Tennis 1-2-3

USA Tennis 1-2-3 is a nationwide program designed to introduce tennis to children. They learn by combining instruction, practice and match play into the same day experience. This program has prepared students for junior tennis league play and has produced many junior champions.

\$79 for a 6 week session (\$74 for returning students)

Tennis Buddies (Ages 5-8) 9-10am

Future Stars (Ages 9-12) 10:15-11:15am

Saturdays

Session I - Jan. 24- Feb. 28

Session II - March 28- May 9

Dow Park Tennis Courts

behind Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Variety Fitness

Each class will benefit your body by increasing heart health (cardiovascular health), muscular strength, endurance, flexibility plus weight loss. This low/high impact class includes basic floor aerobics, kickboxing, abdominal training, circuit training, stretching, and weightlifting.

A.C.E. (American Council on Exercise) Certified instructor. A pre-participation waiver must be signed at registration. Please wear comfortable clothing and appropriate shoes.

\$25/month or \$4 walk-in

(to be paid by 5pm in the front office)

Mondays/Wednesdays from 6:30-7:20pm

Deer Park Community Center, Room 12

610 E. San Augustine

Parks & Recreation



Martial Arts

The Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department Martial Arts program has been educating and strengthening the mind, body, and spirit since 1975. Everyone is welcome to take a free trial class and learn more about the power and strength from within. We teach traditional TAE-KWON-DO and SHORIN RYU. Learn a variety of strikes and self-defense maneuvers that will give everyone the ability to defend himself or herself in most situations.

No contracts, sign-up fees or equipment required. Make sure to wear comfortable clothing.

Mon/Wed – \$25/month

Mon/Wed/Fri – \$35/month

Introductory (age 5-12) – 6:40-7:15pm

Regular kids (age 5-12) – 7:15-8pm

Teen/Adults (age 13-up) – 8-8:45pm

Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Another Man's Treasure

Come find your bargain at the citywide garage sale. Free parking, free admission, concession stand, and indoor booths.

Fri., Feb. 20, 7am - 4pm

Sat., Feb. 21, 7am - 2pm

Jimmy Burke Activity Center

500 W. 13th St.

Ladies Low Impact Aerobics

Low Impact Aerobics is a cardiovascular exercise that elevates the heart rate. Sculpting and weights are also supplemented in this hour long session. No contract or sign up fees. Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing and cross-training shoes.

\$20/month

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

8:30-9:30am

Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Stretching Class

Introducing a new stretching class for those who want to begin a fitness regime. Stretching keeps muscles supple and it feels good. When done early in the day, it warms up the muscles without straining them.

Stretching is adaptable to each person's abilities and body type. It helps to open tight joints and increase circulation. Strenuous activities become easier. Stretching provides a simple effective way to enjoy movement, gain body awareness and flexibility, reduce aches and pains, improve mood and sleep. Stretches are done in standing, kneeling, sitting, supine positions and against the wall. Class is suitable for beginners and those who are physically active. Come stretch yourself and change your life.

For teens to Seniors. Mats are provided.

\$60/month

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-10:15am

Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Hunter's Education

Certification is required to legally hunt in the State of Texas. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in conjunction with the City of Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department offer the classroom course necessary for lifetime certification. Contact James Davis at 832-498-1609. For ages 9 years old and up.

\$15/person

Fri., Dec. 12 from 6 - 9pm &

Sat., Dec. 13 from 8:30am - 5:30pm

Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Yoga For Your Life

Do you think of Yoga as bending your body into some human pretzel form that looks impossible?

Think again. This series of "Yoga For Your Life" will not only introduce you to physical movements that relieve pain and stiffness, reduce tension, and improve your flexibility, but also includes breathing techniques to calm and quiet your mind. Past participants have described the program as "challenging" and "very tranquil."

The interaction in a group class setting enhances what every participant will experience. It's the perfect "me time" in your schedule to help you have a more enjoyable holiday season!

\$49 for session (4 classes); \$15 walk-in

Walk-in fee must be paid at Community

Center before 5pm.

Mondays, 6:45 - 7:45 PM

Session I - Jan. 5-26

Session II - Feb. 2-23

Claude Burgess Recreation Center

4200 Kalwick

The S.A.F.E. Spot

Children ages 9-13 can dance, play basketball, karaoke, and much more each Saturday evening in a policed and staffed safe environment.

\$10/person (family discounts available)

Most Every Saturday Evening

7-11:30pm

Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Holiday Lock-In December 13, 7pm-6am!

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will make a special stop by the Deer Park Community Center on December 13 for an early morning breakfast before heading off to the North Pole. Come enjoy a morning of crafts, breakfast and the guest of honor, Santa himself. Breakfast is limited to the first 50 children. Picture with Santa in a frame available for \$5.

\$6/child (includes craft, wish list and breakfast)

\$4/adult (breakfast only)

Sat., Dec. 13

8-9:30am

Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Santa Calling

It is Santa's greatest pleasure to speak to all the good boys and girls about their Christmas wishes this year. Santa's phone call is free. Stop by the Community Center to sign up.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 and Thursday, Dec. 18

Calls are made between 6:30-8pm

Sorry, no make-up calls will be made for missed calls.

Sleigh Ride

Bundle up and bring the whole family to see a beautiful display of Christmas decorated homes. The evening starts off with hot chocolate and cookies, and then we will load up onto sleighs and enjoy Deer Park's Holiday Spirit!

You are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance since space is limited. Due to its popularity, we are unable to accommodate large groups. A maximum of 10 tickets may be purchased by one person. Payment must be received at time of registration. Children must be accompanied by an adult and a waiver must be signed for each participant. Limit 60 participants per ride.

\$5 per rider per ride

Tues., Dec. 16 – Sat., Dec. 20

1st ride- 6-7:30pm

2nd ride- 7-8:30pm

Meet at the Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Santa Sleep Over

Stay up all night for entertainment and fun – games, movies, snacks, pillow fights, and a special visit from Santa Claus, himself. Please eat dinner before arriving. Continental breakfast served. Bring a bed roll, comfortable clothing, and a pillow. Limited to 50 participants, ages 5-11 years old. Door prizes will be given throughout the night.

\$25/person

Dec. 19-20

Drop off at 8pm and pick up is at 7am

(late fee will be enforced)

Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Kids on the Go – Festival of Lights

Join us for a lighted stroll through Moody Gardens in Galveston this Christmas season to get into the holiday spirit. We will depart from the Community Center at 6:30pm (please eat before you come) and will return at 10pm.

Limited to 22 participants, ages 8-13 years old.

\$22/person

Monday, December 22

Meet at Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Christmas Break Tournaments

Come enjoy the game room at the Deer Park Community Center and participate in fun competitions. We will have tournaments for ping pong, air hockey, 9ball, pinball and majority rules.

There will be two age categories for each tournament: 12 years old and under; and 13 years old and up. There is no early registration, and its free!

Monday, December 22-Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 23-Air Hockey

Wednesday, December 24-9 Ball

Saturday, December 27- Pinball

Monday, December 29- Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 30-Air Hockey

Wednesday, December 31-9 Ball

Friday, January 2- Pinball

Saturday, January 3- Majority Rules

FREE

12 years old and under, starts at 11am

13 years old and up, starts at 2pm

Game Room Card required for participation.

Deer Park Community Center

610 E. San Augustine

Santa... from p1

2 Chief's cars and 2 fire booster trucks make the annual tour around the city with Santa. Santa makes every effort to visit each street during the 4-night event.

Santa's tour has become such a popular event that citizens plan family gatherings and parties on the night Santa is scheduled to visit their neighborhood. Citizens of all ages look forward to the annual visit from the jolly old fellow. This year, Santa will be making his trip throughout the city on December 17, 18, 19 and 20. Santa will start his tour each night promptly at 6:30pm. Tours will usually run until 9:30pm, depending on that particular night's route.

Starting December 4, visit our website at www.giftofchristmas.com to find out when Santa will be visiting your neighborhood.

For the safety of Santa and his helpers, please trim any low hanging limbs along your street. Streets with tree branches that are too low for Santa to get by safely may have to be bypassed.

Website... from p1

broken park equipment. Some requests may not be for service, but simply asking a question such as the Ask a Librarian link.

Once submitted, city staff will receive an email and, if applicable, generate a work order. You will receive a confirmation email that includes a tracking number. You can check the status of your request online by entering the tracking number on the Action Center page. It's an opportunity for citizens to get in touch with the City 24x7. Try it out at www.deerparktx.gov.

National Night Out



National Night Out, the annual event that aims to raise community awareness of crime prevention, experienced continued success this year. According to Community Liaison Sheila Plovanych of the Deer Park Police Department, the number of parties increased to 39 in 2008 from 35 in 2007.

National Night Out was moved to October 7 from the month of August to avoid the worst of the Texas heat. Plovanych credited the increased participation, in part, to the more temperate weather, "We could not have asked for nicer weather this year. I believe that participation was up due to the cooler October temperatures. This is shown by the number of parties that were hosted as well as the attendance at each of these parties."

Deer Park Police Department's philosophy of Community Oriented Policing encourages community involvement through multiple programs including National Night Out and the Citizen's Police Academy. The police department's success with these programs depends on citizen involvement. Plovanych continues to give accolades to Deer Park citizens for the success of National Night Out.

"I have to give all of the credit for the success of National Night Out to the party hosts who spent their time and energy putting these parties together," says Plovanych. "Some people plan for months and some people pull it together in a day, but whichever it is, it's the citizen's of Deer Park who make National Night Out such a fun and rewarding event."

Deer Park citizens interested in hosting a National Night Out party in 2009, attending the next Citizen's Police Academy, or becoming a captain for their neighborhood sector should contact Sheila Plovanych of the Deer Park Police Department at (281) 930-2118.

Vacation House Check Program

The Deer Park Police Department provides a vacation house check service if you are going to be gone for more than three days. This service provides the homeowner with additional police patrol of their home while they are out of town.

Forms for the Vacation House Check Program are available 24 hours a day online at www.deerparktx.gov or from the Records Division or Dispatcher. The Deer Park Police Department is here to *Protect and Serve You!*

Junior Art Park Players Presents "Scrooge, The Musical"

December 2 - 5

Show begins at 7pm

Tickets - \$5 each

SCROOGE, a musical version of Dickens' classic Christmas story is a rollicking, frolicking tale of rebirth and redemption. A feast of music, comedy and drama for the whole family!

Art Park Players Presents "Winter Wonderettes"

December 6 at 7pm

December 7 at 2pm

Tickets - \$10 each

The Marvelous Wonderettes are back! They wink, they prance, they shimmy, they flirt – while they toss off one rockin' holiday hit after another. Songs, Christmas bonuses, and a rousing game of "Find the Elf" add up to an excellent alternative to more traditional holiday fare.

Art Park Player's Presents "All Shook Up"

February 20, 21, 27, 28, March 6 & 7

Meal served at 7pm

Show begins at 8pm

February 22 and March 1

Meal served at 1pm

Show begins at 2pm

All Shook Up is a jukebox musical comedy that tells the story of a small town girl in 1955 who dreams of hitting the open road, and the guitar-playing stranger who brings romance, rebellion and rock 'n' roll into her life.

All Shook Up features many of Elvis' hit songs.

Holiday Craft Mall and Wreath Fundraiser

December 2-7

Vendors will be selling their wares and treasures. There will also be an array of wreaths so graciously donated by little angels honoring someone who has had breast cancer. The wreaths are part of a fundraiser entitled "The Louise McBee Circle of Life Circle of Wreaths." The wreaths will be for sale and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to The Rose. There is no entry fee to see the wreaths and everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please call our Box Office at 281-794-2448.

Attention Singers, Dancers, Musicians, Comedians!

Southeast Texas' Fastest Rising Young Country Music Performers compete for awards, trophies and cash prizes at Deer Park's Totally Texas Festival. Auditions will be on Monday, March 9 from 5-7pm. \$10 audition fee. You must be accompanied by a background CD or live band. For ages 6-18. For more information, please call 281-478-7288 or send an email to artparkplayers@deerparktx.org.

Attention Singers and Dancers!

Jr. Art Park Players will hold auditions for their award winning top performing groups, ROCKIN' COWGIRLS, STREET SCENE, SOUL SOUNDS AND JR. ART PARK SINGERS on Monday, January 26 from 5-7pm. For more information, please call 281-478-7288 or send an email to artparkplayers@deerparktx.org.

Jr. Art Park Player Dramatic and Musical Theatre School

Theatrical training for children has been a part of Art Park Players, Deer Park's own Community Theatre, since 1981. A musical theatre and dramatic academy is offered for ages 4-18. We teach students the basics of theatre and instill self esteem, confidence. This innovative, award winning youth company performs at least 5 shows per year. Students have the opportunity to audition for musical performing groups. These performing groups have been to Los Angeles, Florida, London, Pigeon Forge, New York and have even performed in Branson, Disney's Big Red Boat and, most recently, on Carnival Cruise Line's Ecstasy Ship.

Tentative Schedule for 2009

Monday 4-7pm

STREET SCENE - Oldie's/Broadway Musical Performing Group

ROCKIN' COWGIRLS - All Girl Country & Western

SOUL SOUNDS - Teen Inspirational/ Christian Performing Group

Tuesday 4-5pm

6-7 Year Olds - Musical/Acting Theatre Classes

Tuesday 5-6pm

8-9 Year Olds - Musical/Acting Theatre Classes

10-17 Year Olds - "A Class Act" Modeling Class

Wednesday 4-5pm

10 Year Olds - Musical/Acting Theatre Classes

Wednesday 5-6pm

11-12 Year Olds - Musical/Acting Theatre Classes

6-9 Year Olds - "A Class Act" Modeling Class

Thursday 4-5pm

4-5 Year Olds - Musical/Acting Theatre Classes

Teen - Acting Class

Thursday 5-6pm

Teen - Musical Theatre Class

*The Municipal Courts & Theatre
Building is located at 1302 Center St.*

Maxwell Adult Center

We are quickly approaching the day of our annual Holiday Banquet. Each year the City of Deer Park provides a catered dinner and entertainment for the Seniors of Deer Park.

This year our Holiday Banquet will be held Thursday, December 11 at 6pm at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center.

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility open to all Deer Park citizens age 55 and over. The Center is open from 9am-5pm five days a week.

We offer a variety of classes including porcelain dolls, ceramics, quilting, Brazilian embroidery, exercise, computer, and oil painting.

We have 42 tables everyday and Bingo every Wednesday at 1pm. Bridge is played Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 9am. We have two game nights each week;

Tuesday Night Club & Thursday Game Night. A variety of games are played on both nights.

We offer a congregate meal program for seniors to come in and eat lunch for a \$2 fee. Lunch is served at noon. Please make a reservation by calling or coming in the day before and signing up. Stop by the Center and pick up the *Maxwell Chatter* newsletter with the menu for the month. We, also, have a home-bound meal program, which delivers meals to seniors who are restricted to their homes.

We currently do not have any trips scheduled for the last quarter.

Call us at 281-478-7276 if you would like more information about our Center, trips or our activities.

The Maxwell Adult Center is located at 1201 Center St. Open M-F from 9am-5pm.

Outside Alarm System

The outside alarm system will be activated if there is a chemical emergency or severe weather, such as a tornado, that could affect Deer Park.

Also, the Outside Alarm System is tested at 6pm on the first Thursday of each month.

The Outside Alarm System consists of nine siren-type alarms mounted on utility poles throughout the City of Deer Park and at Battleground State Park.

The alarm's Warning Sound consists of 7 wavering tones. When you hear the Warning Sound – 1)

Go inside immediately and SHELTER IN PLACE. 2) Close all doors, windows, and other sources of outside air. Turn off air conditioning or heating systems. 3) Turn on your radio to AM530. If you have Comcast Cable Television, tune to Channel 16 (DPTV-16). 4) Stay off the telephone. 5) Stay inside, sheltered in place, until you receive the “[All Clear](#)” message from the telephone notification system, AM530 Radio, DPTV-16 or you hear the “All Clear” signal (a continuous tone) sounded on the Outside Alarm System.



*We Make a Difference,
So Can You!*

Be a Police Officer!

The Deer Park Police Dept. continuously recruits men and women who are interested in making a positive difference in the lives of those who live and work in our community.

Minimum requirements for the position of *Police Officer* include a Bachelor's Degree (any field of study) and U.S. Citizenship. The maximum age restriction for Cadets has been eliminated.

Starting salary for a Police Officer is \$48,318.

Be a Part-time School Crossing Guard!

Minimum qualifications include: Character and Reputation of the Highest Order; at least 21 years of age; High School Diploma or GED.

Current Salary: \$12.86 per hour. Approximately 2-3 hours on school days.

*For more information, go to
www.deerparktx.gov
or contact Officer Sam Jammass
at 281-930-2121 or
sjammass@deerparktx.org.*

*The City of Deer Park is an Equal
Opportunity Employer of Qualified Individuals.*

Calling all Volunteers

The Deer Park Police

Department is recruiting volunteers to assist with the Warrant Program and general clerical duties, such as filing, copying, delivering mail, etc. If you are interested in helping your Police Department, please contact Sheila Plovovich at 281-930-2118 or send an email to splovovich@deerparktx.org. Volunteers must pass a background investigation.

S.T.E.P. Grant – Speed Enforcement 2008/2009

The Deer Park Police

Department was awarded a speed enforcement grant from the Texas Department of Transportation known as S.T.E.P., Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

This program allows officers to focus on enforcing speed limits in problem areas. The following locations are included in this enforcement action:

State Highway 225

West 13th Street and East 13th Street
East X Street

West San Augustine and East San Augustine
East P Street

Georgia (between San Augustine
and Pasadena Boulevard)

Center Street
Luella

East Boulevard (between East X Street
and State Highway 225)

College Park
Kingsdale

American Legion Awards

On October 4, 2008, Melvin Drumm of the American Legion, Post #319 presented the American Legion Officer of the Year Award to Sergeant James W. Tryon and the



American Legion School Crossing Guard of the Year Award to Marlene K. Varley.

Sergeant Tryon received the nomination for his role in the investigation of a forgery case that led to an entire ring of six forgery suspects; with Telechek advising that the dollar amount could exceed \$1,000,000. Upon completion of the investigation the case was turned over to the U.S. Secret Service to pursue federal charges. Sergeant Tryon's hard work, pro-active crime prevention, his ability to work closely with other agencies, and his dedication to his job are the traits that make Sergeant James W. Tryon the American Legion Officer of the Year for 2008.

Marlene Varley received the nomination for going beyond her duties as a crossing guard to assist her supervisor and fellow crossing guards during the past school year. On many occasions, Marlene covers another location after she has completed hers. She has taken it upon herself to assist in communications with the other crossing guards

through email, telephone calls and word-of-mouth regarding upcoming events and individual responsibilities. Marlene is dedicated, committed and truly cares for the children of Deer Park. These qualities make Marlene Varley very deserving of the American Legion Crossing Guard of the Year for 2008.

Congratulations to these two exceptional individuals for receiving these highly coveted American Legion Awards. The Deer Park Police Department appreciates the fine job they are doing.

Hurricane IKE

During the early morning hours of September 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike hit the City of Deer Park with its brutal winds. The city sustained damage to many structures including houses, businesses, fences, cars, signs, trees, etc. One of the most difficult aspects of this storm came in the aftermath when the majority of the city was without power for several days. Most officers, dispatchers and city workers sustained damage to their own residences, yet they continued to work to maintain order and restore Deer Park.

On the night of the storm, several officers and sergeants risked their lives to bring several people to safety from a collapsed roof at 210 Helgra. As soon as the storm subsided, all officers were out in the city assessing damage and responding to calls for service. These calls ranged from collapsed roofs to downed power lines to frustrations at gas stations and debris blocking access throughout the city. All three

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shifts were inundated with calls for service, questions about the water, gas, grocery stores, POD provisions and much more. During this, employees maintained their professionalism and enthusiasm while dealing with many adversities, personally and professionally.

The Deer Park Police Department has issued Community Service medals to employees for their support during and after Hurricane IKE. These employees worked twelve hour shifts during the storm and its aftermath.

The Deer Park Police Department received numerous accolades from citizens expressing their approval of our actions. We appreciate all of the comments and support.

New Face at the Police Department

Chad Banogon is the newest Police Cadet. Cadet Banogon is currently enrolled at Houston Community College with an expected graduation in February 2009.

K-9 Program – Still Going Strong

Officer Eddie Pereira and his K-9, Charlie, have been working hard this year while maintaining a taxing training schedule. Officer Pereira has filed multiple narcotics related charges. In the last three months, he and Charlie have seized 27,798.77 grams of Marijuana, 13.97 grams of Cocaine, 19.05 grams of Methamphetamines and \$5,000.

Officer Pereira and Charlie frequently assist agencies in the area, in addition to working with local, state, and federal agencies. The

Deer Park Police Department commends Officer Eddie Pereira and his K-9, Charlie, on a job well done.

COBAN System Grant Funding

On August 25, 2008 the Deer Park Police Department received a check in the amount of \$131,933 from the Harris County District Attorney's office. This funding originated from a program that was put in place by District Attorney Kenneth Magidson.

Funds that are seized from criminal activity are distributed among Harris County law enforcement agencies to provide equipment to aid in the capture and prosecution of suspects. The grant that was awarded to the Deer Park Police department will fund the new Coban digital video recording system for ten marked police cars which will enable officers to utilize state-of-the art technology. The Coban system, which replaces a VHS based system, will use new technology to capture and preserve evidence. It will also allow for quicker uploads of evidence and statements and maintain the integrity of evidence through digital recordings. Best of all, it does not cost our taxpayers a dime.

Captain Massey Attends FBI National Academy

Captain Sharon Massey begins training at the FBI National Academy on January 12, 2009. The curriculum, taught by FBI teaching staff and professional educators, focuses on leadership development and emphasizes critical thinking.

Captain Massey will be taking classes that encompass Trends and

Issues in Organizational Behavior, Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice, Technical and Operational Skills, and Leadership Preparation.

Each session hosts approximately 250 fellow law enforcement officers. Selection is a highly competitive – only a fraction of the applicants are ever selected.

Until recently, the only current Deer Park Police department employee to have graduated from the National Academy was Lieutenant Jesse Valdez who attended the 190th Session in 1997. However, that changed when Lieutenant Wade Keeney graduated from the 234th Session in September 2008.

Traffic Division – Update

The Deer Park Police Department's traffic unit serves as a liaison between sector officers and citizens when dealing with problem locations and complaints. The latest year-to-date statistics indicate that property accidents are down 3% and injury accidents are down 27%.

The unit works directly with citizens to analyze problems, and create action plans to work toward solutions. The Traffic Sergeant also administers the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

An integral part of this unit is the 25 school crossing guards that help get our children to and from school safely every day. The unit is training officers and Citizen Police Academy members to conduct child safety seat inspections.

For more information or to request help with traffic issues, contact Sergeant J.W. White at jwhite@deerparktx.org or 281-930-2152 or Officer Aurelius at caurelius@deerparktx.org.

August 2008

- Awarded bid to Millis Equipment for the drainage improvements at Arbor Drive and Glacier Drive in the amount of \$22,958.
- Awarded bid to Troy Construction to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer line on "P" Street from Eileen Street to Dow Circle in the amount of \$69,342.
- Awarded bid to D & W Contractors for driveways and site grading at the City Service Center on Luella in the amount of \$55,150.
- Awarded bid to Wilkens Industries for the purchase of sanitation transport trailer with a walking floor in the amount of \$72,543.
- Authorized the sale of surplus equipment and miscellaneous items to be auctioned via internet through Rene Bates Auctioneers.
- Authorized staff to proceed with the solicitation of bids for the Sanitary Sewer Line Extension Project at the Drill Field.
- Accepted completion of the project to build out the interior of the Traffic Shop. Final cost of the project was \$46,890.
- Approved ordinance adopting the Standards of Care for the After School Program operated by the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Amended the Code of Ordinances relating to the Parking of Vehicles in yards of residential lots.
- Approved ordinance adopting the International Fire Code.
- Approved ordinance for the final development plan for the Providence at Town Square.

September 2008

- Approved ordinance setting rates for certification incentive pay for Emergency Telecommunication Personnel.
- Awarded bid to Statewide Services, Inc. for the extension of a sanitary sewer line to the Fire Drill Field at the north end of Luella for a total cost of \$17,800.
- Accepted completion of the new driveway at the City Service Center on Luella. Final cost of the project was \$53,217.
- Accepted completion of the employee parking lot at the City Service Center on Luella. Final cost of the project was \$276,550.
- Accepted the completion of the interior build out for the Fire Maintenance Shop. Final cost of the project was \$20,999.
- Accepted completion of the South Amy Rehabilitation Project. Final cost of the project was \$91,947.

- Authorized the purchase of in-car video systems for the Police Department through HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$222,338.
- Approved a change order for Deer Meadows and Deer Park Manor drainage project in the amount of \$14,100.
- Approved renewal of the agreement with the American Red Cross to provide non-emergency transportation services for elderly and disabled residents of Deer Park.
- Approved guidelines for advertising Art Park Players Big Screen Promotions.
- Approved resolution appointing Council Member Thane Harrison as representative and Beckie Stockstill-Cobb as alternate to the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for 2009.
- Approved the Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
- Approved ordinance setting new water and sewer rates for the Fiscal Year 2008-09 which constitutes a 4.3% increase for customers using 8,000 gallons of water in a month.
- Approved ordinance setting new rates for commercial garbage service for the Fiscal Year 2008-09 which constitutes a 10% increase.
- Approved ordinance amending the fees charged for the After School Program. The fees are \$95 per month for the first child in a family and \$85 per month for each additional child from the same family.
- Approved ordinance amending the rates for ambulance services for the Fiscal Year 2008-09 as follows: Transport to Medical Facility of a Deer Park Resident \$475; Transport to Medical Facility of a Non-Resident \$650; Transport to Medical Facility by Life Flight Service \$650.
- Approved ordinance establishing a fee schedule for use of the Fire Training Facility.
- Approved ordinance amending the impound fees for animals impounded at the Deer Park Animal Shelter as follows: Redemption fees for impounded animals are \$35 for the 1st impound, \$50 for the 2nd impound, and \$75 for the 3rd impound. Boarding fees for a dog at large is \$10 per day. Fee charged for animals turned in to shelter by owner is \$25.
- Approved ordinance adopting the Position Classification Plan and Salary Scale for City employees for Fiscal Year 2008-09.
- Approved ordinance waiving the requirements for construction permits related to repairs necessitated by damage from Hurricane Ike.

- Approved an agreement with Klotz Associates for a city wide traffic study in the amount of \$42,000.

- Approved an agreement with Klotz Associates for a preliminary engineering study for the expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$85,000.

October 2008

- Authorization to proceed with the replacement of the roof at the Transfer Station as a result of damage from Hurricane Ike to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. through the Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network in the amount of \$192,500.
- Awarded bid to D & W Contractors for the construction of a roadway at the Fire Training Facility in the amount of \$87,600.
- Accepted completion of the East X Street Sanitary Sewer Line Extension Project. Final cost of the project is \$76,693.
- Approved change order for the Court House Parking Lot and Helgra Street Extension Project to include additional items to the original contract at a cost of \$26,720.
- Approved an agreement with Klotz Associates in the amount of \$191,500 to provide engineering services for development of a Master Drainage Plan.
- Approved agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center to continue to provide Employee Assistance Program services.
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) for the employment of temporary workers to assist in routine maintenance that was unable to be performed due to Hurricane Ike.
- Approved an agreement with the Economic Alliance in the amount of \$25,000 to provide a study and economic impact analysis of the proposed Youth Sports Complex.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2008-09 Budget due to Hurricane Ike expenditures.
- Approved an ordinance extending the afternoon school zone time for two La Porte ISD Schools: College Park Elementary and Heritage Elementary from 2:30 – 4pm.
- Approved recommendation of the Senior Citizens Commission to allocate \$5,500 from the Senior Citizen Trust Fund to pay for the annual Senior Citizen Holiday Banquet.
- Approved ordinance setting the tax rate at \$.705/\$100 of valuation for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Fire Department

Interested in serving your community?

The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department is accepting applications for openings in the Fire and EMS divisions. Please stop by Fire Station No. 3 at 2211 East X St. to pick up an application or download an application from our website at www.dpvfd.org.

Fire Fighter Memorial Fund Raiser

We are raising funds to build a Fire Fighter Memorial at Station No. 3. The memorial will have granite walls with the names of retired members and department members killed in the line of duty. If you or your business is interested in donating to this fund, please call the Central Fire Station at 281-478-7281. All donations are tax deductible.

Space Heater Dangers

Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months. Be safe, make sure that flammable objects are not near heat sources.

Christmas Tree Dangers

During 2000 through 2004, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 300 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees. These fires caused an average of 14 civilian deaths, 21 civilian injuries, and \$16.8 million in direct property damage per year. Two-thirds of these fires were in December and 20% were in January.

Although these fires are not

common, when they do occur, they are unusually dangerous. On average, one in every 22 home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death. Electrical failures or malfunctions were involved in 44% of the home Christmas tree fires; 24% occurred because some type of heat source was too close to the tree. Decorative lights with line voltage were involved in 16% of these incidents. Twelve percent were started by candles.

Christmas Ladder Safety

Here are a few safety tips if you are going to be using a ladder to hang Christmas lights on your house.

- Use wooden or fiberglass ladders when near power lines and electrical wiring. Metal ladders conduct electricity.
- Use the right ladder for the job, ensuring it extends 3 feet over the roofline or working surface.
- Set the ladder on a firm, level surface and avoid soft or muddy ground.
- Never exceed the ladder's weight limit or the maximum load rating.
- Never stand on a step ladder's bucket shelf. Read and follow the warning stickers for highest standing levels.
- One person on the ladder.
- Don't carry equipment while climbing. Wear a tool belt or have someone hand equipment to you.
- Face the ladder when climbing up or down, keeping your body centered between the side rails.

Gift of Christmas

The Fire Department will again help our fellow citizens in their time of need this year. If you would like to make a donation, whether it is monetary, non-perishable food items or toys, please call the Fire Station at 281-478-7281 or drop off the items at any one of the many drop off points in the city. If you have a business and would like a collection barrel at your location, please call the Fire Station to arrange for a barrel to be delivered to you. We will pick up the collection barrels at the end of the campaign.

Smoke Alarm Facts

Most alarms installed today have a life span of 8-10 years. After this time, the entire unit should be replaced. It is a good idea to write the date of purchase on the inside of your alarm so you will know when it is time to replace it. Some of the newer alarms already have the purchase date written inside. In any event, always follow the manufacturer's instructions for replacement. It is also a good idea to change the battery every time the time changes with daylight savings time.

Child Safety Seat

Did you know that the City of Deer Park offers a program where a Certified Child Safety Seat Technician will install and teach you about child safety seats? Vehicle inspections are by appointment only and take approximately 30 minutes to complete. To schedule an appointment, call the Fire Department at 281-478-7281.

Evacuation Assistance Request Form – Chemical Emergency Or Impending Storm

Name _____ Address _____
Telephone (____) _____ Number of persons living at this address _____

Reason for requiring assistance :

- ☐ do not drive or no vehicle available but otherwise mobile
☐ wheelchair..... ☐ mobile without chair..... ☐ completely wheelchair bound
☐ bedridden ☐ somewhat mobile ☐ completely bed ridden
☐ special conditions or needs _____

Name of nearest relative: _____ Address _____
Telephone (____) _____

Impending Storm: Will you need evacuation assistance or will you make other arrangements for assistance?
Explain _____

Have all medications ready to take with you in case of evacuation.

Return form to: Doug Burgess, P.O. Box 700, Deer Park, Texas 77536
or drop off at The Community Center, 610 E. San Augustine or The Maxwell Adult Center, 1201 Center Street.

Additional information and/or questions, call (281) 478-2050

Citizen Work Request

Do you know of something that needs to be done? Maybe something we have missed? Please let us know. Simply complete this form and return it to: City Manager, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Tx. 77536.

Together we can make Deer Park a better place!

Location _____

Briefly describe the work _____

May we call you for more information?

Name _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Republic Grill & Battleground Golf Course

Do you know what you've been missing at Deer Park's best kept secret, the Republic Grill?

1600 Georgia Ave.
Deer Park, Texas 77536
(281) 478-2089

The Republic Grill
At the Battleground Golf Course

Open Mon-Fri, 7AM - 2 PM
Friday Evening, 5 PM - 9 PM
Sunday, 11 AM - 2 PM

- Specials -

Daily Lunch Special \$8.95
11 AM - 2 PM

Every weekday, our culinary staff prepares the freshest daily special to tempt your taste buds. Your server will be happy to discuss today's special with you.

Friday Breakfast Special \$7.95
8 - 10:30 AM

Chef attended omelet station with your choice of 16 different toppings, fresh fruits, biscuits and gravy, breakfast meats, honey ham, hash browns and French toast. Coffee and assorted juices included.

Friday Evening Country Buffet \$9.95

Children under 6 eat free
Children 6 to 11 are 1/2 off
5 - 9 PM

Try something different every Friday night. Unique entrees served alongside an assortment of salads and vegetables plus delicious desserts.

Sunday Buffet \$12.95

Children under 6 eat free
Children 6 to 11 are 1/2 off
11 AM - 2 PM

Unique entrees and tempting desserts served alongside a delicious array of fresh salads, assorted fresh baked breads, vegetables, potatoes and rice.

- Beverages -

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Mr. Pibb, Lemonade, Root Beer & Iced Tea \$1.95
Bottled Water \$2.00
Domestic Beer \$2.75
Imported Beer \$3.25
House Wine \$4.00

Galveston Bay Snapper Filet
Mango Salsa \$9.95 Blackened \$9.95
Pontchartrain Sauce \$10.95

Tender and flaky eight ounce snapper filet grilled and served with our daily vegetable selections.

Trio Salad \$9.95

Creamy chicken salad, fresh shrimp salad and albacore tuna salad. Served on a bed of fresh garden greens with tomatoes, avocado, artichoke, fresh fruit and banana muffin.

Grilled Salmon Salad \$8.95

Fresh honey basted salmon filet grilled and served with fresh greens, cucumbers, artichokes and lemondill dressing.

Caesar Salad Chicken \$7.95 Shrimp \$8.95

Crisp Romaine lettuce tossed with parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing. Served in our herb-garlic-basilparmesan basket with your choice of grilled shrimp or grilled chicken breast.

- Salads & Soups -

Pecan Crusted Chicken Salad \$9.95

Fresh chicken breast breaded in a honey-pecan coating and fried golden brown, topped with pistachio nuts and served over fresh greens, ripe garden tomatoes and cucumbers. We suggest our new cilantro-lime salad dressing.

Roasted Red Pepper Bisque w/ Grilled Shrimp
Cup \$4.25 Bowl \$5.50

Texas Tortilla Soup
Cup \$4.25 Bowl \$4.95

- Sandwiches & Wraps -

Republic Burger \$8.25

You select what you want, and we'll prepare it that way. One price, no matter how many toppings you choose. All served with fresh lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle.

Toppings: Cheddar Cheese, Swiss Cheese, Monterrey Jack Cheese, Apple wood smoked bacon, mushrooms, avocado slice, red roasted peppers, grilled jalapenos, fresh salsa, white or wheat bun.

Monterrey Chicken Sandwich \$8.95

Marinated chicken breast grilled and topped with sweet red pepper, avocado, melted Monterrey Jack cheese and served on your choice of white or wheat bun.

Blackened Chicken Wrap \$8.95

Blackened chicken breast served in a tomato-basil wrap with lettuce, tomato, Monterrey Jack Cheese and sun-dried tomato spread. Also available with blackened bay snapper filet.

California Clubhouse Wrap \$8.95

A great new twist on a traditional sandwich. We take an herbed-wheat wrap and stuff it with mesquite smoked turkey, honey ham, cheddar cheese, Swiss cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato and avocado. Served with our avocado dipping sauce.

Tejano Steak Sandwich \$8.25

Paper thin sliced Rib eye with grilled onions, bell peppers, melted Pepper Jack Cheese and grilled jalapenos. Served with chipotle spread on a fresh baked baguette bun and Au Jus dipping sauce.

Classic Rueben Sandwich \$8.95

Thin sliced grilled corned beef, melted Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and Thousand Island dressing all come together on marble rye.

All sandwiches are served with your choice of fresh cut fries, chips or onion rings. No substitutions please.

- Lunch Entrees -

Chicken and Shrimp \$9.95

Sautee chicken breast and 3 jumbo shrimp topped with creamy tarragon cream sauce. Served with rice pilaf and the vegetable of the day.

Grilled Sirloin Medallions \$10.95

Marinated 2.3oz sirloin steak grilled to perfection and topped with demi veal stock, onions and mushrooms. Served with starch and vegetable of the day.

Flat Iron Chicken Breast \$9.25

Tender breast of chicken marinated in olive oil and fresh herbs, flat grilled and topped with a creamy white wine, artichoke and mushroom sauce.

For catering your next special event or to reserve the banquet hall for your holiday party, please call Kathy Lambright at (281) 478-2089.

The Battleground Golf Course
(281) 478-2080

Come play & enjoy a new experience. We've got new carts and GPS systems. Check out our membership program for only \$120/month (includes cart). Visit Golfnow.com for details on special pricing for winter.

The Battleground Practice Facility
(281) 478-6634

Couples clinics, Ladies clinics and Adult clinics
Range Pass Memberships - \$35 per Month
Visit us at www.deerparktx.gov/battlegroundgolf for more information.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT THE REPUBLIC GRILL – 281-478-2089

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Commercial Development

Providence Town Square (Senior Community) will be constructed at Center and Pasadena Blvd.

Howdy Burger located at 3217 Center Street

Subway Sandwich Shop (2 locations) located at 3203 Center Street and 8301 Spencer Highway

City Projects

• *Drainage Modifications – Deer Park Manor and Deer Meadows, Section 3* is currently under construction. This project was awarded to Mar-Con Services for \$412,041. This project will help improve drainage in the Henderson Street area as well as Ash, Birch, Hickory and Pine Street areas off Pasadena Blvd.

• *Drainage Modifications – Arbor & Glacier Drive* is currently under construction and is being performed by Millis Equipment Rental for \$22,958.

• The *Court House Parking Lot* and *Helgra Street Expansion Project* is currently under construction. D & W Contractors was awarded this project for \$553,669.

• The *Sanitary Sewer Line Extension* at the Fire Training Field on Luella Avenue was awarded to Statewide Services, Inc. for \$17,800.

• The new *Roadway at the Fire Training Field* on Luella Avenue was awarded to D & W Contractors for \$87,600.

New Development

• *Deer Park Distribution Center* is a commercial property consisting of 24.3564 acres located at south of Aaron Street and west of East Blvd.

This property is being developed by Testa Partners, LP.

Flood Insurance

Every year, more homes in the U.S. are damaged by floods than any other natural disaster. Because more roads, buildings and parking lots are being constructed where natural land once was, floods are becoming more severe.

The best protection for your home is flood insurance. Flood insurance is affordable and is far better protection than depending on Federal Disaster Assistance, which is only available when a disaster is federally declared by the President.

Tips for a Flood

- Keep a battery operated radio nearby.
- Follow emergency instructions.
- Turn off all utilities if evacuation appears necessary.
- Move valuables to higher elevations.
- Do not drive through high water.
- Avoid downed power lines.
- Check for structural damage before entering a building.
- Do not use matches or candles, instead use a flashlight.
- Until local authorities proclaim your water safe, boil water for drinking and food preparation.
- Keep electricity off until an electrician has inspected your system.
- Flood waters may pick up sewage and chemicals – clean or discard items that may have come in contact with flood waters.
- Carefully watch for the development of mold. The sooner the flood affected area dries out, the better the chances are of minimizing mold

damage to your property.

- Whenever possible, move wet items to a secure and dry place.
- Move rugs and pull up areas of wet carpet as soon as possible.
- Increase circulation in the home to speed drying.
- Don't throw away removed or damaged materials until instructed by your insurance company.
- Keep all receipts, photos and other relative documents.



Adorable animals available for adoption at the Animal Shelter, call 281-478-7274 for more information.

Each day 70,000 puppies and kitten are born. Every year, 4-6 million animals are euthanized because there are no homes for them. You can reduce these numbers by adopting pets from shelters and spaying or neutering your pet. Spaying and neutering can also drastically improve your pet's health and life expectancy.

Employee & Supervisor of the Month

Supervisor – July



Chris McNeely
*Electrical Supervisor
Public Works*

Employee – July



Kellie Bass
*Support Services
Police Department*

Employee – July



Michelle Lyons
*Field Services
Parks and Recreation Dept.*

Supervisor – September



Kenneth Findley
*Acting Chief of Police
Police Department*

Public Works

Christmas Tree Disposal

Place unflocked, undecorated trees with the stand removed at curbside on your regular household service day for pick up. These trees will be transported to a compost site for recycling. All other trees will be disposed of in the landfill.

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station located at 610 Old Underwood is open Saturdays from 9am-4:30pm. Proof of Deer Park residency is required.

Tires, batteries and other car parts cannot be accepted.

Waste Oil Recycling

Used motor oil and filters can be placed at curbside for recycling. Oil should be placed in screw top containers. Used oil filters should be drained and secured in a zip lock bag.

Waste oil recycling containers are available at the Transfer Station.

Storm Drain Inlets

Grass clippings, leaves, limbs or other debris placed in the storm drain will impede the flow of rain water and result in poor drainage.

In addition, trash, tree limbs, appliances, paper and other materials placed in flood control ditches will impact the proper flow of rain water.

Grass clippings, leaves and other lawn debris should be put in a garbage bag and placed curbside for disposal.

Heavy Trash Pick Up

Non-kitchen rubbish should be at the curb by 8am on Wednesdays.

Guidelines for

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

- Tree limbs – no greater than 50 pounds in weight or 4' in length.
- Concrete, bricks, shingles, along with paint cans, household chemicals and solvents cannot be picked up.

Permit Info

New construction or remodeling of commercial or residential buildings require permits for the following–

- Any new construction or structural changes.
- Installation or replacement of more than 50% of one side of an existing fence.
- Installation of a storage shed.
- Installation or repairing of any electrical wiring or fixtures.
- Installation or repair of new or existing HVAC equipment.
- Addition of any plumbing fixtures, including sinks, toilets, etc.
- Repair or replacement of any gas system or fixtures.

*For more information, call
281-478-7270.*

Happy Holidays from everyone at the City of Deer Park



Wayne Riddle
Wayne Riddle, Mayor

Charles Garrison
Charles Garrison, Councilmember

Bill Patterson
Bill Patterson, Councilmember

Thane T. Harrison
Thane Harrison, Councilmember

Becky Stockstill-Cobb
Becky Stockstill-Cobb, Councilmember

Chris Richey
Chris Richey, Councilmember

Jeff Pound
Jeff Pound, Councilmember

Community Calendar



- 1 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 2 Christmas Tree Lighting - 6pm
Library - Krafty Kids
City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
Art Park Players "Scrooge - The Musical"
- 3 Art Park Players "Scrooge - The Musical"
- 4 Outside Alarm testing
Art Park Players "Scrooge - The Musical"
- 5 **Snow In The Park**
Art Park Players "Scrooge - The Musical"
- 6 Art Park Players "Winter Wonderettes"
- 7 Art Park Players "Winter Wonderettes"
- 8
- 9 Library - Mystery Book Club
Library - Krafty Kids
- 10
- 11 Maxwell Center - Christmas Banquet - 6pm
- 12 Hunter's Education
- 13 S.A.F.E Lock-in
Breakfast with Santa
Hunter's Education
- 15 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 16 Sleigh Rides begin
Library - Krafty Kids
City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
Santa Calling
Art Park Players - Auditions - All Shook Up
- 18 Santa Calling
- 19 Santa Sleep Over
- 22 Kids on the Go - Moody Gardens
- 23 Library - Krafty Kids
- 24
- 25 City Services Closed
- 26 City Services Closed
- 30 Library - Krafty Kids
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Outside Alarm testing
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- 5 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 6 Library - Krafty Kids
City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 7 Storytime begins
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- 12 Junior Art Park Players classes begin
- 13 Library - Mystery Book Club
Library - Krafty Kids
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- 19 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 20 Library - Krafty Kids
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- 27 Library - Krafty Kids
LEPC - 11am
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- 20 Another Man's Treasure
Art Park Players "All Shook Up"
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Art Park Players "All Shook Up"
- 22 Art Park Players "All Shook Up"
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- 24 LEPC - 11am
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- 27 Art Park Players "All Shook Up"
- 28 Art Park Players "All Shook Up"

Convenient ways to pay your water bill.

*Pay by automatic bank
draft or online.*

*For information, call
281-478-7221 or
visit our website at
www.deerparktx.gov*

CITY NEWS Email List Service

The City of Deer Park has an email notification service called CITY NEWS. It will keep you informed about events and activities in our community. To join, visit our website at www.deerparktx.gov and click the CITY NEWS icon.

*City Services will be closed
Thursday, Dec. 25 & Friday, Dec.
26 for Christmas and Thursday,
Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.*

*Curbside collection of rubbish will
resume on regular collection day.*

The mission of the City of Deer Park is to plan and execute activities necessary to provide quality services to the citizens so that the opportunity to enjoy a high quality of life is afforded to all.



***P.O. Box 700
Deer Park, Tx 77536***

8th Annual Snow in the Park

Friday, December 5

Just because it does not snow much in Deer Park does not mean we cannot bring you a Winter Wonderland! Snow in the Park is a great family event that introduces snow areas, snow slides, choirs singing, train rides, Santa Claus, and much more.



Wristbands will be sold at the Community Center office Monday, Dec. 1 - Friday, Dec. 5 from 8am-5pm. Wristbands cost \$5 and provide unlimited access to snow areas. Wristbands and snow tickets will be sold on-site beginning at 3pm on Friday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$2 for a one time entry into the snow area. Other fees vary and may be purchased individually at each event.

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6:30-9:30pm*

Jimmy Burke Activity Center, 500 W. 13th Street

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